

Astragalus sinicus (Fabaceae), 45995. **Genge clover.** From Yokohama, Japan. Purchased from the Yokohama Nursery Company. **Late Giant** variety. "Another field crop very extensively grown for human food, and partly as a source of soil nitrogen, is closely allied to our alfalfa. Tender tips of the stem are gathered before the stage of blossoming is reached and served as food after boiling or steaming. It is known among the foreigners as **Chinese clover**. The stems are also cooked and then dried for use when the crop is out of season. For the tender shoots, when picked very young, wealthy Chinese families pay an extra high price, sometimes as much as 20 to 28 cents our currency per pound." (King, *Farmers of Forty Centuries*, p. 128.)

Berberis japonica bealei (Berberidaceae), 45973. From Batum, Russia. Presented by the Superintendent, Botanical Garden. A stiff evergreen shrub native of China, often 10 feet in height, with thick, unbranched stems. The pinnate leaves, 1 to 2 feet long, are made up of 7 to 13 obliquely ovate, dark dull green leaflets 8 inches long by 6 inches wide, having 4 to 6 large spiny teeth along each margin. The delightfully fragrant lemon-yellow flowers are borne in a cluster of several slender erect racemes 6 to 9 inches long, and are followed by oblong purple berries one-half of an inch long. (Adapted from Bean, *Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles*, vol. 1, p. 244.)

Cucumis melo (Cucurbitaceae), 46029. **Australian casaba.** From Burringbar, Australia. Presented by Mr. B. Harrison. "I am enclosing seeds of the **Australian casaba**, the correct name of which I do not know, but which I believe originally came from India. It is a most prolific plant, bearing cream-colored fruit about the size of a cucumber. It is sometimes called the **apple melon**, and is quite popular here, being very palatable when eaten with sugar or made up into pies. It is hardy, prolific, and early, and should thrive well throughout the United States." (Harrison.)

Decaisnea insignis (Lardizabalaceae), 45977. From India. Seeds presented by Mr. George F. Mitchell, Washington, D. C., who obtained them from Mr. G. H. Cave, Lloyd Botanic Garden, Darjeeling, India. "A bush from northern Sikkim, that bears wonderful fruit about as large around as one's thumb and about 4 inches long. Mr. Cave sent a man to Sikkim especially to